

## **NFC's Chief Information Officer, Gil Hawk Receives the Prestigious Presidential Rank Award**

It is our distinct honor to report that the National Finance Center's (NFC) Chief Information Officer, Gil Hawk has been selected by President Bush as a 2007 Presidential Rank Award For Meritorious Executive. Each year, the President recognizes and celebrates an elite group of career members of the Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior-Level (SL), and Scientific-Professional (ST) corps for their exceptional leadership, accomplishments, and service over an extended period of time. The two categories of rank awards are Distinguished and Meritorious. Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards of private citizens, and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria focus on leadership and results.

Linda M. Springer, Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, which administers the Presidential Rank Award program, announced this most prestigious award will be given to 333 leaders representing 31 agencies. "Recipients of this award are dedicated to delivering results, and their service is advancing President Bush's agenda for improving the management and performance of the Federal Government," said Springer. "Each of them can be proud of this honor recognizing their achievements."

The Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive and Meritorious Senior Professional may be awarded to no more than 5 percent of the career SES, SL, and ST corps. We here at the Center are grateful for Gil's strong leadership and truly believe he is among the "Best of the Best"! Please join us in congratulating Gil on this highly significant career recognition.